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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SHIPBUILDING
FY 1964

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year 1964

1. Review of Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's
Field of Competence

The Subcommittee did not produce any reports during the year.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

No review of Priority Deficiencies of either Research (EIC-S-1 Series) or Collection (EIC-S-16 Series) were made during the year. At present member agencies of the Subcommittee act separately on priority requirements for their respective offices which when taken collectively seem to cover the field of responsibility of the Subcommittee.

3. Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives

The Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives, approved by the EIC on 11 February 1964, were called to the attention of the Subcommittee for use as a guide in the collection, production, and coordination of economic intelligence by member agencies.

These "Objectives" serve to give a greater dimension to the scope of subjects to be considered and more importantly what subjects to stress in our separate endeavors.

4. Review of Substantive Papers

No formal review of any paper was undertaken by the Subcommittee. However, presented to the Subcommittee for discussion were 13 briefs of studies made by several of the member agencies. Of these CIA presented six, ONI (STIC) presented five and NSA and DIA each presented one.

5. Review of Proposals for External Research

Nothing to report.

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6. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

The Subcommittee does not attempt to develop or maintain agreed basic statistics. However, much intelligence leading to the determination of basic positions within member agencies is discussed by the Subcommittee. This exchange of views and supporting arguments therefore, leads toward a more unified community conclusion.

7. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC

Nothing to report.

8. Intelligence Research Techniques

Nothing to report.

9. Special Coordinating Functions of the Subcommittee

Each year [REDACTED] delegations meet to discuss shipbuilding in the Communist countries as it pertains to production, trends in future production and ship design, industrial supporting base, economics of both construction and operation, technical characteristics of ship and other related matters. These meetings are held on a rotational basis [REDACTED] and for the past three times, most recently in October 1963, the meetings held in the US were sponsored by CIA and ONI with the responsibility for all arrangements delegated to the Subcommittee.

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10. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The work of the Subcommittee over the past year is believed to have been more effective and valuable than at any time in its past history. The reason for this assessment is largely due to a revitalization of the efforts of the Subcommittee and the broadening of the scope of work that includes a program wherein Subcommittee meetings serve as a continuing forum for the discussions of the subjects generally covered in the annual [REDACTED]

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It is believed that the Subcommittee continues to be of considerable value as a medium of interagency exchange of views thereby improving the intelligence product as a whole.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee plans to continue on the same basis as it has in the past year.